THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There have been 153 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza A H1N1 [earlier referred as Swine Flu] as on 7th July, 2009 in India.

(b) All the laboratory confirmed cases [positive cases] are put on anti-viral therapy.

(c) The patient preferred home treatment but was admitted to the Airport quarantine hospital which was nearest to his residence.

(d) The Epidemic Act has been invoked in Delhi which provides for hospitalization of such cases. The security of the hospitals has also been strengthened.

UN assistance for prevention and cure of swine flu

810. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of swine flu cases reported in the country till date, State-wise;

(b) the arrangements made for treatment by the Central and the State Governments;

(c) whether India has any vaccine maker involved in production of swine flu vaccine;

(d) whether United Nations has proposed to give financial or technical assistance for the prevention and cure of the disease; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As on 7th July 2009, there have been 153 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza A H1N1 in India. State-wise list is given in the Statement. [Refer to the statement appended to the answer to USQ 792 part (c)]

(b) Health facilities have been identified and attached to the 22 International Airports and Ports. Stock of Oseltamivir, the drug for treating the disease has been made available to the States and the identified health facilities.

(c) Three Indian manufacturers namely, Serum Institute of India, Pune, Panacea Biotec, Delhi and Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad have the capacity to manufacture vaccine. Drug Controller General (I) has issued license to import seed virus to these manufacturers.

(d) and (e) World Health Organization provides technical assistance to member countries. India has also consulted WHO on technical guidelines. It has supported Government of India with diagnostic primers and seed virus for manufacturing vaccine. It has also supported capacity development for State and Central Rapid Response teams at a cost of about Rs. 3.00 crores.